

Marston Moreteyne VC School



Pupil Premium Policy September 2022

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Aims

At Marston Moreteyne VC School, our Christian vision gives all members of our community "plans to prosper and plans of hope" Jerimiah 29:11 and we believe that that all our children have an equal entitlement, and should have an equal opportunity to:

- develop imagination and creativity
- acquire skills and abilities
- have a love of learning

The school receives funding from the Government to support it in trying to meet this aspiration. This is known as the Pupil Premium Grant.

Eligible Pupils

The Pupil Premium is allocated to the school based on the number of eligible children in Reception to Year 4. There are four categories of children that qualify for Pupil Premium or Pupil Premium Plus:

Ever 6 free School meals

Children who are known to have been eligible for free school meals in the most recent October school census or at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance).

Looked After Children

Children who are in care of, or provided with accommodation by, a local authority in England or Wales for at least 1 day.

- Are in local authority care in England.
- Have been adopted from care in England or Wales.
- Left care under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO).
- Left care under a Child Arrangements Order (formerly known as a Residence

Order).

Post- Looked After Child

Children recorded in the most recent October census who were looked after by and English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted, or who left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangement order.

Ever 6 Service Child

- One of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service, and also pupils whose parent is serving in the armed forces of another nation and is formally stationed in England) - and they are recorded in the October school census as being a 'service child'
- They have previously been registered as a 'service child' in any school census in the last 6 years
- One of their parents died while serving in the armed forces, and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme

It is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils for whom they are responsible.

The Pupil Premium is allocated to schools with pupils on roll who are known to have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any time in the last six years. Each of these pupils attracts £1385 of additional funding (£2410 in the case of Children who are Looked After and £320 for each child of parents in the Armed Forces)

Schools have the freedom to spend the Premium, which is additional to the underlying schools budget, in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment for the most vulnerable pupils.

Staff and Governors are responsible for 'socially disadvantaged' pupils and are committed to meeting their pastoral, social and academic needs within a caring environment. The targeted and strategic use of Pupil Premium will support us in achieving our vision.

Principles

- We seek to ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of the pupils;
- We seek to ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed;
- In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged;
- We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being in need of intervention and support;
- Pupil Premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals.

Provision

Included in the provision are a number of measures to support pupils to reach at least age related expectations in the core subject areas, such as:-

- 1-1 and small group work with experienced staff focused on closing gaps in learning;
- additional teaching and learning opportunities provided by teachers, trained TAs or external agencies.

In addition, the school recognises the significant contribution made to pupil progress by improving self-esteem, confidence and well-being which is supported by:-

- funding allocated to enable children to participate fully and actively in wider and extra-curricular activities, including educational visits;
- providing uniform;
- subsidising Breakfast and After School Care Club.

Reporting

It is the responsibility of the Pupil Premium Co-ordinator, currently Mrs Watts, the Head of School, to report to the Governors on:

- the progress made towards narrowing the gap for socially disadvantaged pupils;
- an outline of the ongoing provision and any changes made since the last meeting;
- an evaluation of the cost effectiveness and impact of the provision in terms of the progress made by the pupils and improvements in their wellbeing.

Parents receive information as to the progress of pupils through termly written reports and consultation meetings with staff.

We will publish our strategy on the school's use of pupil premium in each academic year on the school website, in line with the DfE requirements of maintained schools on what school must publish online and using the templates on *GOV.UK*.

Mrs A.Watts

Head of School - Forest End

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